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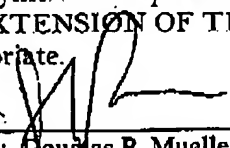
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 19, 2005, Applicants elect Group I (product claims 1-19) without traverse. Applicants respectfully request that the method claims (20-22) be retained for possible reinstatement in the event that the corresponding product claims are allowable.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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